

shaped the editorial board for more than 40 years. Throughout his esteemed career, Keith has received many awards and accolades but perhaps none as impressive as his most recent. This spring, he received the Society of Professional Journalists' gold medal, one of the most prestigious honors for editorial writing in the country, for his work on the proposed merger of the University of Louisville hospital.

A proud graduate of Leadership Louisville, he is a vibrant participant in the great issues confronting all of Kentucky. He constantly strives to promote equal rights for all and to advance the progressive principles of the New Deal, the New Frontier, and Great Society. Long after his retirement, the work he did both in and outside of the newsroom will continue to have an impact on Louisville and all of Kentucky. Keith Runyon leaves big shoes to fill at the Louisville Courier-Journal, and I wish him, his wife Meme, and his family the best in their future endeavors. I congratulate him on his stellar career and thank him for all he has done for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

#### HONORING COL. GREGORY DRAGOO

##### HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2012*

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and acknowledge Colonel Gregory F. Dragoo upon his retirement after having served this great Nation for 29 years. Colonel Dragoo most recently served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Special Access Program Central Office, responsible for the DOD coordination of programs assigned to the Air Force.

In 1983, Colonel Dragoo received his Second Lieutenant commission from the Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, TX. He completed his undergraduate navigator training and was assigned to B-52Gs at the 46th Bomb Squadron in North Dakota in 1985.

After being selected a part of the initial cadre of aircrew selected to fly the B-1, Colonel Dragoo was selected in 1989, as the first B-1 Weapon Systems Officer to attend the USAF Test Pilot School at Edwards AFB, CA.

Following his first flight test tour in the 419th Test Squadron, Colonel Dragoo returned in 1993, to the Test Pilot School as an instructor. From there, he spent the next two years in the B-1 and Tri-Service Standoff Attack Missile Program Offices at Wright-Patterson, OH followed by a year at Air Command and Staff College (ACSC) at Maxwell AFB, AL.

In 1996, Colonel Dragoo returned to Edwards AFB as Operations Officer of the 419th Flight Test Squadron. There, he was dual-qualified in the B-52 and B-1 and responsible for all B-52, B-1, and B-2 Flight Test operations.

Colonel Dragoo was next assigned in 2000 to the Pentagon as the Headquarters Air Force Plans and Programs bomber programmer responsible for programming the budget and force structure of the B-52, B-1, B-2, and Unmanned Combat Air Vehicles. In 2003, Colonel Dragoo attended the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, AL, and upon graduation was assigned as the Deputy Director and then Director of the Weapons Division of the Secretariat of the Air Force Capability Di-

rectorate responsible for coordinating the programmatic issues of all Air Force weapons acquisition programs.

In 2006, Colonel Dragoo was selected to command the Air Combat Command's Electronic Warfare Group at Eglin AFB, FL. This 450-person group was responsible for delivering and evaluating electronic warfare software for the entire Combat Air Force.

Following his command assignment, Colonel Dragoo was assigned to the Pentagon as Deputy Director of the Secretariat of the Air Force Special Programs Directorate where he served until assuming his current position in the Office of the Secretary of Defense Special Programs office. In conjunction with his permanent assignments, Colonel Dragoo deployed in 2001 as Chief of Staff, Combined Air Operations Center, J-3, Prince Sultan Air Base Saudi Arabia; in 2004 as Air Liaison Officer, C3 Plans, Multi-National Force-Iraq, Baghdad; and in 2007 as Deputy Director and Chief of Staff, Combined Air Power Transition Force, Kabul, Afghanistan.

Colonel Dragoo is married to the former Teresa K. Wisner. They have two happily married children, three incredibly adorable grandchildren, and will celebrate 31 years of marriage this year.

Mr. Speaker, for the last 29 years, Colonel Dragoo has faithfully served our nation as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces. As he enters the next phase of his life with his beloved wife Teresa, their two children Melissa and husband Shawn, and Matthew and wife Lauren, and their three wonderful grandchildren, Mackenzie, Carson, and Daisy, he leaves behind a legacy of dedication, integrity, excellence.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Colonel Gregory F. Dragoo upon his retirement and recognizing his years of loyal service to our community and country.

#### RECOGNIZING THE HUMAN COST OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

##### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2012*

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the human cost of the war in Afghanistan. Last Thursday, June 14th, Marine Corporal Taylor Baune, of Andover, Minnesota, was killed in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He was 21 years old, and had married his high school sweetheart just three months ago. Corporal Baune was the 2000th American killed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

We often speak of the financial cost of the war in Afghanistan, which has grown to \$289 million per day. Although this is a staggering figure, the human cost of the war is beyond measure.

Just last month, a young man from my district, Travis Morgado, was killed in Kandahar Province. Travis was an athlete who enjoyed basketball and football. He joined the Army after graduating from the University of Washington with a degree in civil engineering, expressing a desire to give back to his country. Second Lieutenant Morgado leaves behind his mother, Andrea, and stepfather, Dean Kessler,

his father, Joe, and stepmother, Nancy, as well as two younger brothers, a stepsister, and a stepbrother. He is remembered as a loving big brother, and a positive role model for his younger cousins.

I would also like to recognize Marine Corporal Kevin Cueto of San Jose, who was killed in action nearly two years ago, on June 24, 2010, in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. He was 23 years old. Corporal Cueto grew up in San Jose, and later moved to Campbell to live with his father. At Westmont High School, Kevin served in the Reserve Officers Training Corps and was a member of the football, baseball, and wrestling teams. He was also involved with the debate team. After graduating from high school, determined to serve his country, Kevin enlisted in the Marines. Corporal Cueto served a tour in Iraq in 2009, before being deployed to Afghanistan. Corporal Cueto has left behind his father, Phillip Cueto, his mother, Kelley Greenhaw, and a younger brother.

Finally, many mourned the loss of Pat Tillman. Pat grew up in my district. He was a star football player at Leland High School in San Jose, and earned a scholarship to Arizona State University. He helped lead ASU to the Rose Bowl in 1997, and was selected as the team's most valuable player as well as the Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year. As a student, Pat also excelled, earning the Clyde B. Smith Academic Award, the Sporting News Honda Scholar-Athlete of the Year, and the Sun Angel Student Athlete of Year awards during his time at ASU. Pat was drafted by the Arizona Cardinals in 1998, and began a promising career as a professional football player. However, when the United States invaded Afghanistan in 2001, Pat and his brother, Kevin, decided to enlist. Pat married his high school sweetheart, Marie, and became an Army Ranger, serving tours in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Corporal Tillman was killed in Afghanistan. He left behind his wife, Marie, his father, Patrick, his mother, Mary, and two younger brothers.

I extend my sincerest gratitude to these brave young men and their families as we mark this solemn milestone. Two thousand American soldiers have paid the ultimate price in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Countless others have suffered wounds, both physical and mental. The human cost of the war in Afghanistan has been immense, and I urge my colleagues to support a safe, immediate, and orderly withdrawal of our troops, and to ensure that our veterans, who have sacrificed so much, are given the care and benefits that they deserve.

#### IN HONOR OF THE OLD MISSION CHURCH OF SAN JUAN BATISTA

##### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2012*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th Anniversary of the dedication of the "Mission of Music," the Old Mission Church of San Juan Bautista. On June 23, 2012 the Mission celebrates the anniversary of its dedication and an unbroken succession of pastors since its founding by the Franciscan order in 1812.